



## WHSGCA Board Minutes

March 10, 2006 @ Thunder Bay Grille in Pewaukee, WI

### Members Present

John Lonergan, Brian Scrobel, Roger Prickette, Dave Blake, Jerry Allen, Anna Curtis, Mikki Duran, Mary Beth Nienhaus, Chuck Menzel, Bob Lehninger, Mark Johnson, Tony Pritchard, Dick Vruwink

### Members Not Present

TJ Dieck, Dick McKichan, Don Marx, Mark Rechlicz, Bill Berkholtz

### - 7:14 Call to order

- **Approval of the Fall minutes:** Brian Motion...Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup>...13 Y-0 N

- **Accept the resignation of Scot Meyer** from the board...Moving Brian Scrobel to the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Also nominate Dick Vruwink as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Anna motion...Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup>...13 Y - 0 N

- **Treasurers Report (TJ)** – Letter from TJ – We are in OK shape. Last year at Blackwolf Run hurt a little but we should be OK this year. Roger motion...Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>...13 Y - 0 N

- **Membership Report (Mark)** – We are still down a bit...254. We would like it to be around 350. Coaches should step up and talk to the other coaches in your areas. There is always some confusion on when the membership years starts and ends. The membership starts every fall (August 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 31<sup>st</sup>) and concludes at the summer clinic. We (as a board) must make the date more clear to the membership. Brian motion – Roger 2<sup>nd</sup>...13 Y - 0 N

- **Web Site Report (Tony Pritchard)** – There are 2 needs of the web site right now...#1 get everything current and up to date and #2 freshen it up and make it the cornerstone of the membership when it comes to information and communication. The web site is going to be down for 3-4 weeks while the changes are being made. We are looking into live scoring for State (working with the WSGA). Adding more links / tools for coaches. Brian motion – Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>...13 Y - 0 N

- **Summer Board Meeting (John)** – Things are set for the 2006 Clinic and board meeting. The all-state committee will meet on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Straights course @ 8:00. The full board will meet at 12:00. The hotel has been set up by Brian. Jerry Motion...Anna 2<sup>nd</sup> 13 Y - 0 N

- **Spring Clinic (Dave and Mary Beth)** – Everything is set...There were some changes, thank you to Jerry Allen for helping w/ that. The WIAA report with Tom will start the meeting with the clinic and rules clinic running from 10:30 – 3:30.

There was an idea / thought to move the spring clinic one week earlier and host it in conjunction with the Golf Plus Show @ State Fair Park. John and Brian went to the golf show last weekend and they meet with the director of State fair park...two of the PGA reps...food and sales people as well. It looks like it might be a go...the details of any possible changes will follow. Mary Beth Motion...Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> 13 Y - 0 N

- **Summer Clinic (Dave and Brian)** – The Summer clinic is all set for The Irish Course at the Straights. The event starts at 9:00. Dave shared the tee gift with everyone. It is going to be a first Class event. Brian talked with Dave Albrecht the Head Pro at Blackwolf Run and the disappointment of last year's clinic. It will not happen this year. Here is Ji Kim's bio... [http://www.destinationkohler.com/bwr/m\\_instructor.html](http://www.destinationkohler.com/bwr/m_instructor.html)

- **WIAA Report (John)** – John gave the report (see the coach approach or the WIAA Bulletin). Jerry Motion...Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 13 Y - 0 N

- **Coach Approach (John)** – Kaz keeps sending good stuff...we will keep putting it in...We thank him for his continued support. People like the "Where are they now?" Send more of them into John. The next CA will come out in Late March / early April. Brian motion ...Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>...13 Y - 0 N

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# The New Coach Approach

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## President Lonergan's Message

Finally, the days are getting longer. It must mean the golf season is here. The boys season has begun. Hopefully all of your courses are open.

I am pleased to announce that **Don Marx** of Madison Memorial will be inducted into our Hall of Fame at the summer clinic at Whistling Straights. Don has coached for 25 years, he was one of the founders of the coaches association. His teams have competed at state 13 times with 2 state championships (1984 & 1990). Don has initiated many golf tournaments in the Madison area. He continues to be very active in the golf coaches association activities.

I am also pleased that Washington County Golf Course will be honored as a "Friend of Golf." They support two teams in the fall and spring seasons. They have hosted several conference, regional, and sectional tournaments. The facilities and service is second to none. They are a true friend of junior golf.

Our spring clinic went off very well. Tom Shafranski of WIAA presented updates to WIAA procedure and policies (see page 2 for more details). Tony Miller of Raven Golf was our guest speaker. Tony is a club designer, custom club producer and fitter.

He gave us much insights about club production. A word of caution: don't think every club is what it claims to be. Most clubs are made in China. A lot of counterfeiting is being done there. Tony brought a launch monitor. Several coaches hit balls with the monitor to help analyze ball speed, spin, angle of flight, etc. We finished the day with a rules presentation by the WSGA. This satisfied our WIAA rules requirement.

Our spring clinic next year will be one week sooner. It will be at the state fair grounds. We will have our typical clinic but you will also have the opportunity to enjoy the Milwaukee Journal / Sentinel Golf Plus Show. Many vendors, speakers, golf courses, etc. are in attendance. We are excited about the change.

One last item: please remember that your membership dues are good for the school year in which they are paid. Please pay in August so that you can gain the advantages of the association for a full year. Again, memberships run from August 1 to July 31 of each year.

Good luck with getting your swing (and body) in shape!

John

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## WIAA Report From Tom Shafranski

**QUESTION:** Is it acceptable for the owner of the local driving range to provide each of my golf team members a free bucket of balls once a week during one of our practices?

**INTERPRETATION:** As long as all members of your team are given the opportunity to hit a free bucket of balls, it is OK for a driving range to provide you with a free bucket of balls. This means that all varsity, JV and any other players, including any that you may have "cut" earlier in the season, even though they are not on the team, must be allowed to hit a free bucket of balls. The premise of this rule is that all students have the opportunity to this "discount." It is believed that all students had an opportunity to join the golf team. Now that your team has been determined, all members of it must receive the same opportunity in order for it to be provided.

**QUESTION:** Can I designate one of my "home courses" as the WIAA sectional site which happens to be over 100 miles away from our community?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, WIAA school golf programs are now able to identify up to three courses in their "area" as their home course(s). A course that is that far from a community is not considered to be "in the area".

**QUESTION:** Can I designate a course in our community and two others that are in neighboring communities as "home courses?" These other community courses are approximately 20 miles from our high school.

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, so long as your local school administration approves of these home course designations and the possible transportation involved, this distance would be appropriate. Also keep in mind that, practice at these sites can only be allowed outside of the school day. No golf teams should be allowed to leave school early for practice at a home course.

**QUESTION:** Our school is in a heavily populated area and there are numerous golf courses. Can I designate a home course that is our WIAA sectional site as it is about 20 miles from our school and is further than numerous other courses in our area?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, the distance of this course from your school is not unreasonable. School administration's approval should be obtained prior to approving of a site this far from a school. A WIAA sectional site can be designated as a "home course" for more than one school golf program. It is OK to pass up other courses that may be closer to your school.

**QUESTION:** Does a par-three course that we use for practice have to be designated as a "home course?"

**INTERPRETATION:** It does need to be designated as a home course if it is used for any varsity competitions. If it will only be used for practice and perhaps JV competitions, it does not need to be designated as a home course.

**QUESTION:** Does the new Home Course Designation Rule still allow us to go to courses in the area where we will not have any tournaments, meets/matches without having it count toward our 14 maximum meets allowed?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, per WIAA Golf Season Regulations, 9., page 14, "A school which practices on a course (except home course(s)) where later in the season (regular season and WIAA tournament series) it will be competing must count such practices in its maximum allowed meets." If a course is not a course a team will have a competition on during the regular season and/or tournament series, they may practice at this site without having to count it as one of their 14 meets.

**QUESTION:** Do we need to designate a course as a home course if we will only be using the driving range and will not use the course?

**INTERPRETATION:** If the course is one that your school team is scheduled to play in competition later in the regular season or tournament series, you must identify the course as a home course to use the practice facility.

If the course affiliated with the driving range will not be used, this course does not need to be designated as one of the school's three home courses.

**QUESTION:** I noticed University Ridge may not be designated as a "home course" for any school golf program, can I take my golf team there for practice and use their practice range and other practice facilities.

**INTERPRETATION:** School golf teams may only go to University Ridge Golf Course and the practice facility if they count it as a meet on their schedule. As with all other courses where golf meets will be held during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series, golf team members may go to University Ridge with their parents, friends, relatives, etc., and play on their own (without the direction or assistance of their coach).

**QUESTION:** We have a couple of courses in our area that have two 18-home courses affiliated with their facility. As we designate our home courses, do we need to count each of the individual 18-home courses as one site or can we list the title of the facility?

**INTERPRETATION:** Listing the title of the facility designates that facility as one home course (i.e., Blackwolf Run=one course, Arrowhead=one course, Whistling Straights= one course, etc.) . If a site has two or more courses associated with it, each of those courses are considered to be part of that facility and can all be used by a school team.

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Questions / Concerns contact Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director @ (715) 344-8580 or tshafranski@wiaa.org



## WIAA Report From Tom Shafranski

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**QUESTION:** If we have a girl on our boy's golf team, do girls get an advantage from the front tees?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, WIAA Golf Season Regulations, 15., i., page 15, "During the regular season and the WIAA tournament series, host schools must relocate as many forward and men's tees as necessary to create a women's length course that is approximately 15% shorter than the men's length course."

**QUESTION:** Will high school golfers be able to use electronic measuring devices during the WIAA tournament series this year?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, in reviewing this new USGA regulation the WIAA has determined that electronic measuring devices (EMD) will not be allowed during the WIAA Tournament Series. Any golfer identified using an EMD will receive a warning for their first violation followed by a one-stroke penalty for a second violation.

**QUESTION:** Can conferences approve of the use of electronic measuring devices for use during their meets and tournaments?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, in accordance with USGA and WIAA regulations, conferences may approve of the use of electronic measuring devices for their conference and/or nonconference meets and tournaments.

**QUESTION:** Will the WIAA allow "meets within meets" this year?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, the WIAA will allow "meets within meets" again this year. Meets where golf teams are playing for more than one championship, title or dual meet victory are acceptable ways of organizing competitions.

**QUESTION:** Multi-dual meets have to be counted as more than one meet?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, meets where more than two teams compete against each other and dual meet scoring is used to determine the winner are still counted as just one competition towards a school teams 14 allowed meets. This is as long as there is only nine, 18 or 36 holes (over two days) played for the event.

**QUESTION:** Can we use shotgun starts during the regular season and during the WIAA tournament series?

**INTERPRETATION:** Shotgun starts are allowed during the regular season as long as the conference or the schools involved have approved of their use. During the WIAA tournament series, Tom Shafranski, WIAA Assistant Director and Golf Liaison must approve shotgun starts. Initially, all WIAA regional and sectional golf tournaments must be designed with all competitors teeing off from the same starting location. If weather that is threatening jeopardizes a WIAA regional or sectional event, the use of a shotgun start would be permissible when conditions assure completion of at least nine holes of play by all competitors.

**QUESTION:** Tom, my new girls golf coach has a couple of questions she would like an interpretation on. In a summer golf league can the league fees for a golfer be paid for by someone other than the parents? Can the golf course offer free memberships to the girls or have students apply for a free membership via some type of selection process based on need?

**INTERPRETATION:** There are two elements of the amateur status rule to be reconciled in these...  
an athlete may be reimbursed costs associated with competition..

An athlete may not benefit directly/indirectly as a result of their reputation, potential or performance as an athlete...and/or disproportionately to all students in the set.

Yes,\* (students can be reimbursed actual and necessary costs associated with competition) - but not a good idea unless all students who would like their fees paid by someone else, get that taken care of / have that opportunity as well... and all the students are made aware of this opportunity.

While students can be reimbursed actual and necessary costs related to competition - they are not able to receive "benefit" which is not available to any/every other student who desires it..

Regarding a golf course offering a free membership via selection based upon need, this sort of benefit/perception will always raise eyebrows and attract close scrutiny. It is not always a violation. The course does best to advertise and offer a "student" discount to all students boys/girls or designate "open " times for all school students - to play free or reduced. Put it in the news paper and be certain to avoid "special benefit" to a "few" - which is potentially, an amateur status concern.



### **Step 6: Making the ball go where the golfer wants it to go.**

This is the final step in producing quality golfers. It is the most difficult to attain because it requires the player to have developed a fundamentally solid golf swing, and it involves the use of the mind to move the ball. This step is what separates the very good golfer from the exceptional player.

Tiger Woods is an exceptional player because of his ability to make shots when necessary. Even if he is in the process of changing his swing, he has the faith and confidence to produce quality shots regardless of the level of tension the tournament may produce. Often, after holing his final putt to win, he looks exhausted. Playing championship golf is difficult work! Tiger works incredibly hard during a tournament. Obviously, most of his effort on the course is mental. The physical part of swinging a club is not that physically demanding, although the places we sometimes hit the ball into can require great effort to recover from. But, making the ball go where you want it to go is actually far more mental than physical. Yet, you must understand, that a player needs to have a fundamentally solid golf swing before you can really begin to teach him/her to use their mind to create shots. I have developed several techniques that I use when working with a fundamentally sound player. I do not intend to divulge them here, however as I feel these techniques give me an edge with the high school, college players and professionals that I work with.

You can begin to experiment with various techniques that may work for your players. In fact, you may have already begun to use psychology to enhance your golfers tournament abilities. Certainly, teaching your golfers to have self-confidence is of utmost importance. Likewise, golfers who have the ability to put poor shots behind them will have a greater opportunity to succeed. Those who choose to focus on poorly struck shots, (the negative) are doomed to achieve less than their potential.

Finally, exceptional players have an ability to focus on the shot at hand. They can "see" the shot they want to hit before addressing the ball. Then, they can focus their thoughts on their target to such a degree that the ball would find it difficult to travel elsewhere. Those with less ability may have to focus on how to swing the club, but the exceptional player has learned that such thinking is counter-productive to scoring success. I have spoken to successful players after a round at the State Tournament who were never aware that I was watching them while they played. Such was their ability to intensely focus on the job at hand. I have found that there is a very direct relationship between high levels of intelligence and an advanced level of golf ability. As a coach, you need to develop various strategies in order to create a strong mental approach among your team members. This is the most advanced and most difficult step of instruction for coaches because you cannot see what is going on inside their heads. Although, they will often signal some of their thoughts through their actions. Only by watching your players during competition can you begin to fully develop all aspects of your player's abilities to their fullest extent. I have included a checklist for your use following the completion of this article. I encourage you to make copies and use one for each of your players.

Checklist can be found on page 5



**- Job descriptions (John)** – After they are all in...a file will be put together in order to help with the transition of new board members. Anna motion...Brian 2<sup>nd</sup>...13Y – 0 N

**- Awards (Dick M)** - Don Marx was elected to the Hall of Fame. The award will be given to him during the summer clinic. Washington County Golf Course will also be honored at the summer clinic as a “Friend of Golf”. Coach of the year was brought up again and there will be a sub committee looking into it. Anna motion Brian 2<sup>nd</sup>...13 Y – 0 N

**Other Business** – We are looking into National Jr. Tournaments and if there are any WIAA Rules against them.

**Meeting adjourned 10:20**  
**Minutes by Brian Scrobel**

**WHSGCA Competition Hole in One Award**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Hole # \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Requirements: Any player on a high school boys or girls team making a hole-in-one during competition. Coach must be a member of the WHSGCA at the time of the hole-in-one. Please use this form to report the hole-in-one.

**Mail to: TJ Dieck, 40 W. Basswood Ln., Milton, WI 53563**

**WHSGCA 25 Years of Coaching**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total years of coaching golf: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Present school address:

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 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return by March 1, 2006**

The Wisconsin High School Coaches Association is presenting plaques to all high school golf coaches that have coached for 25 or more years. If you have coached for 25 or more years, please fill out the following form and mail to:

**Mail to: Jerry Allen, 413 Dodge St., Stanley, WI 54768**